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the entire flora of the State. It is to be hoped that she will not only be able to complete her "labor of love" but that it may some day be placed where it will remain as a monument to her untiring industry and love for the wild plants of her native State.

*Abnormal Botrychium matricariaefolium*.—While looking over some duplicates recently I came across a specimen of this fern with a fertile branch growing out from the stipes about 1 inch from its base. The branch had grown out in such a manner as to cause the stipes to diverge from its proper perpendicular course, and to form a curve which gave it the appearance of being forked.

Medford, Mass., Jan. 12th. 1882.

**Large Grape-Vines.**—In the January BULLETIN, Prof. Bessey gives the measurement of a grape-vine in Wayne Co., Ohio, (supposed to be *V. Labrusca*) of thirty-seven inches in circumference at four feet from the ground. In March last, whilst in Darien, Ga., I rode out to Baisden's Bluff on the coast, some twelve miles N. E. of Darien to see a celebrated grape-vine. It was just in leaf, but from the wood and bark I judged it to be *V. aestivalis*. It grew near to (touching) a large water-oak, and the large trunks clambered up to the top of the tree. I measured it at eight feet from the ground, and found it forty-four inches in circumference. I also measured, in the streets of Darien, two large live oaks, one giving a circumference of twenty-one feet, at three feet from the ground, and the other, eighteen feet at the same distance. I also measured two trees of *Melia azedarach* (pride of India) one eleven and a half feet, the other nine and a half feet, both taken about three feet from the ground. This exotic is a fast grower but the large size proves that this tree must have been introduced in the early settlement of the State.

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H. W. RAVENEL.

**Notes on the Flora of Newport, R. I.**—During the past season I have found a few interesting plants at Newport, R. I. A small patch of *Rhinanthus Crista-galli* grows in a swamp about a mile S. W. of the city. It was probably introduced here.

*Epilobium hirsutum*, L., is not uncommon in waste ground surrounding dwellings.

*Genista tinctoria*, L., occurs sparingly on some rocky hills, and *Trifolium hybridum*, L., in fields near the sea-shore. *Iris Virginica*, L., grows abundantly in swamps. *Alopecurus geniculatus*, L., and *Leontodon autumnale*, L., are found everywhere. *Hydrocotyle umbellata*, L., grows in shallow water on the border of Lily Pond. *Bromus mollis*, L., is found in great abundance in a piece of ground near Bellevue Avenue. It grows in such profusion that at a distance it might be taken for a field of grain. The following species also occur here: *Potentilla anserina*, L., *Glyceria acutiflora*, Torr., *Phalaris Canariensis*, L., *Bromus tectorum*, L., *Galinsoga parviflora*, Cav., *Centaurea nigra*, L., *Clethra alnifolia*, L., *Euphorbia Peplus*, L., *Triglochin maritimum*, L., *Arethusa bulbosa*, L., *Habenaria lacera*,

R. Br., *Polygala polygama*, Walt., *Ranunculus Cymbalaria*, Pursh.  
*Lathyrus palustris*, L., and *Discopleura capillacea*, DC.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 22, 1881.

FRANK TWEEDY.

**The White-fruited Blackberry.**—In the November BULLETIN G. M. Wilber speaks of finding a white-fruited specimen of *Rubus villosus*, Ait., in New York. This anomaly was found quite commonly on the high lands along the Michigan lake shore at South Haven, Mich., when the country was first settled. It was transplanted to gardens in many places and has spread vigorously under cultivation for many years, constantly maintaining its original character. The fruit is every way equal to the typical black-fruited blackberry, but is inclined to be somewhat sweeter. It is generally known as the "white blackberry." The whole aspect of the plant is peculiar and striking. It deserves to be recognized as a variety in our botanies.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 29th, '81.

L. H. BAILEY, JR.

**Proceedings of the Torrey Club.**—The regular meeting of the Club was held at the Herbarium, Columbia College, Tuesday evening, Jan. 11th, the President in the chair and twenty-two members and five visitors present.

*Plants Exhibited.*—Dr. Barstow exhibited specimens of fruit and leaves of the Japanese persimmon, *Diospyros Kaki*, and flowers of Irish furze. Mr. Charlton sent a collection of plants for the Club's inspection and for deposit in the herbarium. Miss Knight showed several specimens of mosses in fruit, among which was the rare *Buxbaumia aphylla*, Haller, collected at Dedham, Mass.

*Some Notes on the Flora of Newport, R. I.*, by Mr. Frank Tweedy, were read by Mr. Britton.

Mr. Schrenk read a paper on the "Development of the Rootstock of *Dicentra*."

*Late Flowers.*—Mr. Bicknell stated that he had obtained in flower at Riverdale, between Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st, *Taraxacum Dens-Leonis*, *Callitriche verna* and *Verbascum Thapsus*.

The Constitution and By-laws, as amended at a previous meeting, were passed, and ordered printed in pamphlet form.

One name was proposed for active, and one for corresponding membership.

*Election of Officers.*—This being the annual meeting, the Club balloted for officers with the following result: President, J. S. NEWBERRY; Vice-President, ADDISON BROWN; Recording Secretary, G. M. WILBER; Corresponding Secretary, BENJAMIN BRAMAN; Treasurer, W. H. RUDKIN; Editor, W. H. LEGGETT; Associate Editor, W. R. GERARD; Librarian, N. L. BRITTON; Curator, P. V. LE ROY.

The President appointed Messrs. Leggett and Gerard a committee on admission of members.